# GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND PROJECT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES APRIL 7, 2003

- 1. Attendance See Attendance Sheet attachment.
- 2. Review and Acceptance of March 3, 2003 meeting minutes.

ACTION: Mr. Roberto Sanchez made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Leonard Wien. The motion passed.

## 3. Change Orders

The Administration informed the Committee of change orders that had been approved since the last meeting.

### 4. Recommendation to City Commission

## (A) Bayshore BODR

Mr. Hemstreet informed the Committee that the Basis of Design Report on the Bayshore Neighborhood ROW Improvement Project would be presented for the Committee's approval, and then if recommended, the approval of the Commission. He introduced Rick Olson from CH2M Hill, who is the consultant on the project. Mr. Olson presented the proposed improvements for review by the Committee. Mr. Olson explained that the report outlined 4 separate bid packages based on G.O. Bond line item allocations, Priority Stormwater basins and natural geographical boundaries, and the right-of-way infrastructure improvements to be made in the neighborhood. The improvements were also further described in the Basis of Design Report (BODR) distributed to the Committee.

Ms. Micky Baron from Sunset Island II, representing the Homeowners Association, explained that the area residents did not want sidewalks on any of the Sunset Islands. She added that \$85,000 from the 3<sup>rd</sup> lane and entrance have been spent. She inquired as to the status of another \$15,000 which she thought was also allocated to the Sunset Island I and II neighborhood.

Mayor David Dermer answered that he would speak to the City Manager and report back to the Sunset Islands Homeowners Association.

Mr. Gary Hunt, a resident of the Bayshore Neighborhood commented about ADA parking spaces that could be added to the north area of 40<sup>th</sup> Street. He added that Commissioner Saul Gross had spoken to the management at Temple Beth Israel and it was agreed that no parking was needed. He said that the high cost for paver blocks for crosswalks could be substantially reduced by replacing them

with red cement for crosswalks or painted asphalt. He also added that 34<sup>th</sup> Street is a target area that connects Alton Road and Pinetree and that shade canopy trees should be put in due to it being so desolate.

Cheryl Gold, a resident, commented that she was in agreement with having more shade canopy trees in the area. She added that there was no arborist being consulted when designing the projects.

Mr. Frank Del Vecchio commented that there was a serious problem with not having enough canopy trees and that most neighborhoods wanted them.

Mr. Mihaly Lenart wanted to know what the impact would be on traffic with all the projects. Mayor Dermer responded that the resident needed to speak to Joseph Johnson in the Concurrency Management Department.

Ms. Jane Gross, a resident, wanted to know why there was no money for the Golf Course included in the BODR. Mr. Hemstreet explained that the Par 3 was not a part of the Basis of Design Report and no money had been allocated for it in the neighborhood Right-of-Way Infrastructure Improvement Project.

Mr. Ray Bruslin, a resident from the Lake Pancoast area, explained that he was upset about the hedges that are overgrown on the sidewalks.

Ms. Cathy Warpart, a resident of Flamingo Drive, wanted to know if the construction improvements would repair the flooding in the roads.

Mr. Olson explained that new systems, which included catch basins in the stormwater improvements, would alleviate flooding problems.

Mr. Leonard Wein commented that a lot of the stormwater basins are closed and should be reviewed and fixed. He also inquired as to the status of "Right Turn Only" street signs on Pinetree Drive and if they were permanent or temporary.

Ms. Bonnie Patchen, a resident, said she was concerned about the configuration of the Chase Avenue/Alton Road/North Bay Road intersection. She felt it was a dangerous intersection. Mr. Hemstreet stated that he would note it and forward it to the appropriate department in the City.

Mr. Jerry Goldstein, a resident on Alton Road, wanted to know if there was traffic calming for Alton Road. He also wanted to know if there would be landscaping on swales for mid-beach. He added that canopy trees were a good idea, but that lighting should be placed below the tree limbs.

Mr. Jorge Esposito, President and resident from the Bayshore Homeowners Association, wanted to be able to participate more on the projects and give input on designs. He also wanted to know more on the trash center.

ACTION:

Mr. Roberto Sanchez made a motion to recommend that the City Commission approve the BODR for the Bayshore Neighborhood Project including Amendments read in to the record by the Consultant. This itemized Amendment deleted a reference to new sidewalks on Sunset Islands I & 2. The motion was seconded by Ms. Deede Weithorn. The motion passed. Mr. Jean-Francois LeJeune was noted as opposing the motion.

(B) Reallocation of \$150,000 of GO Bond funds previously allocated to Shane Watersports Center to the Normandy Isle Pool Project

Mr. Hemstreet reported that the reallocation of \$150,000 in GO Bond funds was recommended for the Normandy Isle Pool Project. After geotechnical tests and structural studies were done to determine if a concrete deck replacement was viable, it was concluded that organic and silt materials at this location would create a long term settlement not suitable for paver deck installation. Due to the complexity of the project and the early stage of the construction, and unforeseen conditions, the current contingency amount available is insufficient for the remainder of the project.

Mr. Marty Hyman commented that the Committee had already recommended that \$300,000 allocated for the Shane Watersports Center be reallocated to the Normandy Isle project.

Mr. Scott Needelman wanted to know why the budget had gone down and why piles were not needed.

Mr. Hyman explained that until a geotechnical study was done, it was not known if pilings were needed.

Mr. Hemstreet commented that \$2.6 million was needed to do the project and it was delayed due to a geotechnical report and FP&L looking at an electrical system. The anticipated date of completion is September 2003.

ACTION:

Ms. Deede Weithorn made a motion to recommend that the City Commission appropriate \$150,000 of GO Bond Funds previously allocated to Shane Watersports Center for the Normandy Isle Pool Project. The motion was seconded by Mr. Roberto Sanchez. The motion passed.

(C) Reallocation of Funds for Oceanfront Restroom Replacement

Mr. Fred Beckmann, Public Works Director, reported that the GO Bond issuance had identified six beachfront restroom/concession facilities located in the beachfront parks east of Collins Avenue on 73<sup>rd</sup>, 64<sup>th</sup>, 53<sup>rd</sup>, 46<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> Streets, as being in need of replacement. Due to the deteriorated condition of

the facilities at 21<sup>st</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> and 64<sup>th</sup> Street, the facilities were condemned by the Building Department and demolished. In order to replace the critically needed oceanfront facilities, the Administration obtained a \$750,000 allocation from the Miami-Dade County Safe Neighborhood Parks Bond (SNPB) program.

Mr. Beckmann continued by saying that overwhelming opposition from area residents and property owners led to the Administration discontinuing plans to redevelop the 29<sup>th</sup> Street facility. The Administration was requesting that the \$175,000 from the GO Bond funds for the 29<sup>th</sup> Street restroom replacement be reallocated to the replacement of the 46<sup>th</sup> and 53<sup>rd</sup> Street facilities.

ACTION:

Mr. Jean Francois LeJeune made a motion recommending that the City Commission retain the GO Bond funds allocated for the 29<sup>th</sup> Street restroom facility in the amount of \$175,000 and that the Commission reconsider a restroom at this location. The motion was seconded by Mr. Leonard Wien. The motion passed.

## 5. Project Status Report

(A) Status Report on West Avenue/Bay Road project

Mr. Tim Hemstreet informed the Committee that the City has scheduled a second Community Design Workshop on the West Avenue/Bay Road Neighborhood Improvements for June 2003. He reported that the residents have drainage and waterline issues that need discussion. He also reported to the Committee that the project is short an estimated \$4.6 million of the amount required to implement Master Plan level stormwater improvements. The City intends to restart the planning process while searching for further funding. The project is slated to begin construction sometime in 2006.

#### (B) Update on Fire Station #2

Mr. Hemstreet informed the Committee that the City Commission approved an Amendment and awarded the Water Tanks and Pump Station portion of the Fire Station No. 2 project to Jasco Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$4,840,933. The City should be issuing a Second Notice to Proceed in early April and construction is scheduled to begin on April 14, 2003.

#### (C) Update on Fire Station #4

Mr. Hemstreet informed the Committee that the City Commission voted to reconfirm their previous decision authorizing the Administration to relocate the historic facility at the Fire Station #4 site in order to make room for the new Fire Station. Construction documents for the historic building portion of the project, Bid Package 1, consisting of the relocation of the historic facility, were going through the regulatory Building Department permit approval review process. Bid

Package 2, consisting of the construction of a new state-of-the-art 3 Bay apparatus Fire Station, is in the planning stages.

Ms. Weithorn added that at the Finance and Citywide Committee meeting the City Attorney, Murray Dubin opined that the historic building needed to be moved and made structurally sound.

Mr. Hyman asked that a report be included in the Project Status Report that would show a phase by phase timeline on the Fire Station progress for next month's agenda.

Mr. LeJeune wanted to know if he could be replaced at the next two Committee meetings due to the fact that he would be out of town. Mr. Hemstreet said he would find out with the City Clerk's Office and get back to him with an answer.

#### 6. Informational Items

- (A) The Updated Calendar of Scheduled Community Design Meetings was provided to the Committee.
- (B) Revised Agreement with Jasco Construction

This item was included in the agenda but not reviewed during the meeting.

- (C) Report on CDW #1 for South Pointe Streetscape Project Phase IIThis item was included in the agenda but not reviewed during the meeting.
- (D) Report on CDW #2 for Venetian Islands Streetscape ProjectThis item was included in the agenda but not reviewed during the meeting.
- (E) Report on Community Meeting for Belle Isle Streetscape and Park Projects

  This item was included in the agenda but not reviewed during the meeting.

The Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

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